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ELIZABETH CITY HOSPITAL WILL OPEN ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1

Miss Emily Allison of Clarkston, Mich., Will Be the Superintendent—An Efficient Board of Directors

The Elizabeth City Hospital, after three years of desuetude, will be re-opened not later than Oct. 1, 1921. It is planned to open the hospital by Sept. 20, but Oct. 1 is the most likely date. The hospital will be opened under the management of Miss Emily C. Allison, of Clarkston, Mich., a trained and capable superintendent.

Miss Allison is 34 years old and a woman of marked business ability and personal charm. She was for four years superintendent of St. Peter's Hospital in Charlotte, N. C., and has for the past six years been the superintendent of the hospital at Pontiac, Mich. Miss Allison will select her own staff of nurses and will in every other way have a free hand in the management of the hospital. She will be accountable only to the board of directors.

The directors of the hospital will be the Board of Directors of the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce. These are W. P. Duff, Geo. F. Seyfert, Taylor Grandy, J. B. Leigh, A. L. Pendleton, J. C. J. Ehringhaus, Harry Johnson, Roscoe Foreman and H. G. Kramer. These will have the active cooperation of an advisory board of three physicians to be named by the Pasquotank, Camden & Dare Medical Association. The Medical Association will call a meeting this week and name three of its members for this advisory board.

With its board of directors composed entirely of the directorate of the Chamber of Commerce the Elizabeth City Hospital will have behind it some of the foremost and best business brains in the community. A stronger board of directors could hardly be selected for any business organization in the city.

The hospital will be so conducted that no one may call it a doctors' hospital and no physician or surgeon will have any privileges not accorded to other physician and surgeon. The hospital will be open to the practice of all accredited physicians.

One of the drawbacks to a successful hospital here in the past has been the dearth of surgical ability. Elizabeth City now has two surgeons whose services are available for cases coming to Elizabeth City. Dr. John Saliba, founder of the Elizabeth City hospital and owner of the property, will retain his residence here, located at the Southern Hotel. Dr. Mora S. Bull, of Richmond, Ind., another experienced surgeon, has recently chosen Elizabeth City as his home, with offices in the Hinton building. Neither Dr. Saliba nor Dr. Bull will be located at the hospital. Dr. Saliba has leased the hospital property to the Elizabeth City Municipal Hospital Association for a period of two years and it is entirely out of his hands.

If the hospital is maintained on a paying basis these next two years an effort will be made to have the County Commissioners renew the lease or buy the property at the expiration of the two years and continue the hospital as a county health center, which is what should be.

The Elizabeth City Municipal Hospital Association will begin business with a capital of \$15,000, represented by shares of \$10 each held by hundreds of representative citizens, both white and colored, in this city and vicinity. The Chamber of Commerce started it and the Chamber of Commerce put it over. Most of the stock was, in fact, sold through the personal efforts of W. P. Duff, president, and Richard C. Job, secretary, and the Chamber of Commerce. The stock is payable in ten monthly installments, the first payment being now due. The largest stockholder is Chas. H. Robinson, president of the First & Citizens National Bank. When it appeared that it would be hard to raise the entire \$15,000 in small subscription, Mr. Robinson subscribed for fifty shares of stock as an evidence of his faith in the proposition and his desire to see the hospital re-opened.

Miss Allison, the superintendent, is expected to arrive in Elizabeth City on or before Sept. 10, and put the hospital in order for the opening. Three graduate nurses will be employed to start. The superintendent is expected to have her organization employed and on the ground when she arrives.

"Short skirts are a mark of freedom and not of vulgarity," Miss Helen Louise Johnson, of New York City, told the state convention of farmers and farm women at Raleigh this week. "The whole face of the world will change when we realize that it is just as much to be expected that a girl should make a living as that a man should," said Miss Johnson. "A definite earning occupation will change the girl, and her plumage will decline. Girls have been taught pre-eminently the art of pleasing in order to catch a husband. Dress has been an important part of this. This explains so many women's pursuit of clothes."

W. H. L. McLaurin, a former minister, was sentenced to 20 years in the State Prison, by the Superior Court, at Charlotte this week. McLaurin, 58 years old, was accused of making assaults on four small girls.

CONTRACTS FOR \$100,000 TO LET

New Buildings For State Normal To Be Started At Once

Advertisements for bids for more than \$100,000 of construction work for the Colored State Normal School at Elizabeth City will appear within the next few days and contracts for three new buildings, water works and sewerage disposal system will be let at an early date. Actual construction work will be gotten under way early this fall. Contracts for other work will be let before this work is completed.

The new buildings for the State Normal to be started at once are an administration building, a model practice school and a home for the principal. The administration building will cost around \$80,000 and will be in many respects the handsomest and most practical school building in Eastern North Carolina. The building will be two stories high and will have six class rooms, two laboratories, library and principal's office on the first floor, and ten class rooms on the second floor. The upper floor is reached by stairways at each corner of the building. Each class room has a well lighted and ventilated cloak room and lavatory facilities for both men and women are provided on both floors.

A feature of the administration building will be an auditorium will be 30 feet deep and 60 feet wide. In other words it will be a real stage. That auditorium will be the talk of the town when it is completed next summer.

The new administration building will replace the present administration building which was built about 20 years ago. The old administration building will be remodeled and made a part of an enlarged dormitory for girl students. When this work is completed construction will be started on a dormitory for boys.

The model practice school and the home for the principal to be built at once will cost about \$5,000 each. The practice school, as its name implies, will be a model school in which students of the State Normal will get actual experience in teaching. It will be in every way a model two-teacher country school, the building and grounds designed to be an example for rural school districts generally to follow.

In addition to these buildings, the State Normal is to be provided with its own water and sewerage systems. The details of these are now being worked out and contracts will be let soon. The architect for the school is J. A. Salter, Raleigh. Mr. Salter was in Elizabeth City Tuesday of this week and his plans were approved by the Board of Trustees of the State Normal in session here Tuesday, Aug. 29.

ALDERMEN PROPOSE TO GIVE US NEW STREETS

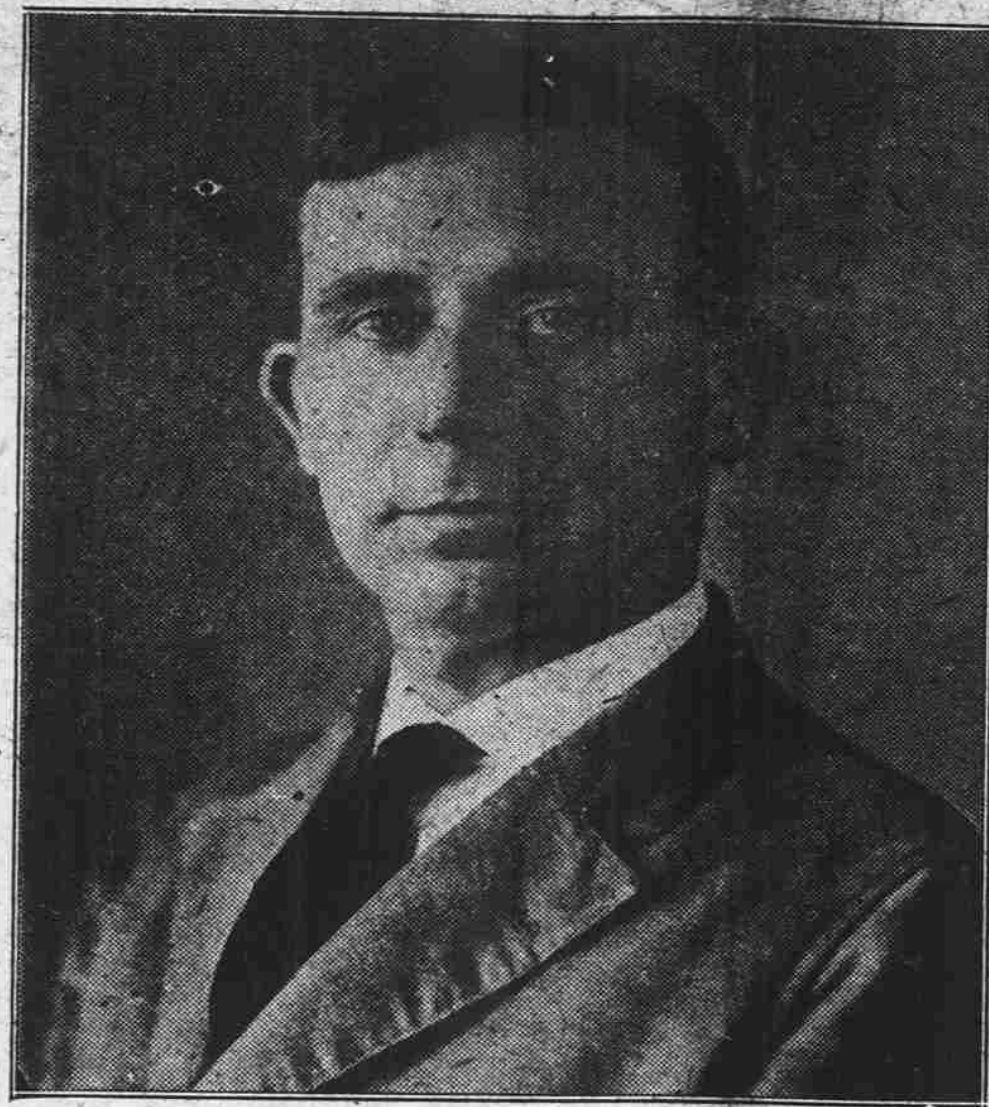
Would Reclaim Several Acres of New Idle Land in Heart of City

Several acres of real estate in the very heart of the city, now hardly available for the best residential or business purposes, may be reclaimed if plans of the present Board of Aldermen mature. The property in question lies between Reid and Poindester streets and Pearl and Matthews streets. Several Aldermen are in favor of extending McMorris St. from Matthews St. to Pearl St., thru the old Kramer Bros. mill property. They would also make a new East and West street, probably a continuation of Cedar St. from Road St. thru to Poindester St. A committee is to be appointed to work out the details of such an improvement and report to the Aldermen.

NEW GOODS ARRIVES AT McCABE & GRICE

McCabe & Grice tell the readers of this newspaper this week of the first notable arrival of fall merchandise. Believing that wholesale prices have about attained their downward limit Mr. McCabe, who has just returned from a two weeks' buying trip, has bought heavily for every department of McCabe & Grice and visitors to that store will not find scanty and depleted stocks waiting for something to happen. These are busy days at McCabe & Grice this week, opening up new goods and adjusting things generally to the new arrivals and new prices. Mr. McCabe looks forward confidently to a good fall trade. Believing that most people have held off buying until they must begin to replenish their wardrobes, Mr. McCabe has bought a fall stock that offers a wide variety to choose from. If this store doesn't do a big business this fall, it will not be because they haven't the goods.

Now Clerk of The Superior Court



HON. ERNEST LINWOOD SAWYER

MR. SAWYER succeeded to the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Pasquotank County on Sept. 1, upon the resignation of Geo. R. Little, who has accepted a position as assistant cashier with the Carolina Banking & Trust Co. Mr. Sawyer was formerly Prosecuting Attorney for the County, having occupied that office from Feb. 1919, until a few weeks ago, when he resigned to accept an appointment to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Little. Mr. Little's term of office would have expired Dec. 1, 1922. Mr. Sawyer will be a candidate for election to the office in the general election next year. Ernest L. Sawyer, was for eight years judge of the Recorder's Court in this county and is otherwise qualified for the office of Clerk of the Superior Court. In fact, in looking around for a successor Mr. Little chose Judge Sawyer because of his familiarity with courthouse records and his peculiar ability as an office lawyer. He is expected to prove a worthy successor to a man who served the office most efficiently for a period of eleven years.

NEGRO FARMERS ON THE INCREASE

Rapidly Supplanting Whites on Farm Lands in North Carolina

While the late census shows the Negro population of North Carolina on the decrease the same census shows that Negro farmers are on the increase in North Carolina and are rapidly supplanting white farmers in the Coastal Plain counties. Farms operated by Negroes in North Carolina increased 16.2 per cent in the last ten years, while farms operated by white farmers increased only 2.8 per cent. Here is the per cent of increase of Negro farmers in the following Northeastern counties:

Gates	46.1
Washington	46.1
Martin	26.4
Perquimans	22.8
Beaufort	20.3
Currituck	15.2
Bertie	14.7
Camden	11.5
Pasquotank	10.5
Hertford	5.8
Chowan	.8

A decrease is shown only in the counties of Tyrrell and Hyde in Northeastern North Carolina. Tyrrell's decrease in Negro farm-owners is 2.1 per cent; Hyde's 15.8.

To give some idea of the rapidity with which Negroes are supplanting whites as farmers, the University of North Carolina News Letter offers the following facts:

"Ten years ago the Negroes in Lenoir were 44.9 per cent of all people. To-day they are 44.2 per cent. But during this ten-year period Negro farmers increased 71.6 per cent while white farmers increased only 9.6 per cent. The Negro farmer gain was nine times the white gain."

"Of again take Wilson, the great tobacco county. The Negro population ratio is almost exactly the same to-day as it was ten years ago. But during the ten-year period Negro farmers increased 57.9 per cent, while white farmers gained only 18.4 per cent. In Pitt, another great tobacco county, the farms operated by white farmers increased 6.4 per cent, while Negro farmers are 54.6 per cent more than ten years ago. In Greene county, the Negro farmers increased five times as rapidly as white farmers. In Gates county the Negro farm operators increased seven times as rapidly as white. The white farmers of Scotland decreased 9.2 per cent while Negro farmers increased 47.5 per cent. There are to-day more than twice as many colored farmers in Scotland as white farmers. Edgecombe is a great farm county but the Negro farmers gained more than four times as rapidly as white farmers. In Washington county the white farmers gained 2.4 per cent while the Negro gain was 46.1 per cent, or around twenty times as great. Wayne is another great farm county and here the Negro gain in farm operators was 42.5 per cent against 15.3 per cent for whites."

Dr. J. W. Taylor, a prominent optometrist of Greensboro, who was given 12 months on the roads recently for inhuman treatment of his wife, got another twelve months sentence this week for immoral conduct with a Miss Clara Sanders and Mrs. J. H. Harrell. The two women were fined \$300 each. All took an appeal.

TWO ELIZABETH CITY BOYS ADMITTED TO BAR



BARTLETT BRAXTON JONES

TWO Elizabeth City boys were among the successful applicants for law licenses before the North Carolina Supreme Court last week. Braxton Jones is a son of Mrs. D. M. Jones of this city and a graduate of Trinity. Mr. Jones has not determined where he will hang out his shingle, being undecided between Elizabeth City and that other live Eastern North Carolina burg, the city of Kinston.



JOHN HUBBARD HALL, JR.

MR. HALL is the son of Rev. and Mrs. John H. Hall, Sr., of this city. He was born at Bynum, Chatham County, N. C., but calls Elizabeth City home because his parents have made their residence here for several years and his two sisters married here. They are Mrs. W. A. Brook and Mrs. M. B. Sawyer. Young Mr. Hall is a graduate of the State College and took the law course at Trinity. He has not decided just where he will locate, there being several attractive openings beckoning to him.

WANTS ALKRAMA THEATRE OPENED EVERY SUNDAY

But Would Have Religious Speakers and Sacred Music Instead of Moving Pictures

Loomer Rodgers, secretary of P. H. Williams' big men's bible class in the City Road M. E. Sunday School, has started a movement to organize a series of Sunday afternoon meetings to run thru the fall and winter. It is Mr. Rodgers' idea that all the preachers, teachers and religious minded in Elizabeth City get together and arrange for a regular Sunday afternoon interdenominational religious service. The idea would be to use the Alkrama Theatre for such meetings and to have a different speaker and a special musical program every Sunday. Local speakers would be used at first, and as the meetings prospered, the organization would reach out and bring in prominent ministers and religious workers from other cities and states. Mr. Rodgers would like to hear from those interested.

DUCK HUNTERS HANDED ANOTHER HARD WALLOP

Bag Limit Must Comprise Birds Killed By Persons Including Carriers

Among the notable changes made in the Federal migratory bird treaty regulations this year is an amendment restricting the bag limit to birds killed by persons including carriers.

This amendment provides that the daily bag limit of any person shall now include "all birds taken by any other person who for hire accompanies or assists him in taking migratory birds." This will put an end to the abuse of privileges under the regulations regarding the prescribed daily bag limits by persons who claim that birds were killed by guides accompanying them. It has been customary heretofore for a hunter to take one or more other persons along with him on a gunning expedition and bring back his allotted bag of 25 ducks and eight geese for every person in the party. While the hunter was limited to 25 ducks for himself, if he wanted 50, 75 or 100 ducks, he would take one, two or three attendants along with him. Under the new regulations he mustn't do that any more.

Another amendment to the regulations forbids the shooting of game from airplanes, a law already in effect in North Carolina.

A summary of both Federal and State game laws as revised to date has just been issued by the U. S. Biological Survey and may be obtained thru that department or thru one's Congressman.

FOUR MONTHS WORK ON HAND FOR THE ELIZABETH CITY SHIP YARD CO

Means Steady Employment For Ship Carpenters and a Good Weekly Pay Roll For Local Circulation

GRAY IS AUTHOR OF BOTTLE NOTE

Dare County Fisherman Started That Pirate Story on Wreck of the Deering

It was Christopher Columbus Gray, a fisherman at Buxton, N. C., who faked and put in a bottle a note that set the maritime world and the newspapers crazy several months ago. It was Christopher Columbus Gray who had the Department of Commerce and the U. S. Navy scouring the seas for pirates. Gray has been officially declared responsible for the famous note in the bottle which added the final touch of mystery to the strange wreck of the Carroll A. Deering. The Department of Commerce has fixed it on Gray and the rest of the story is told in the Washington (D. C.) Herald, as follows:

Wants Federal Job. "The desire for a government job, it is stated, led Gray to perpetrate a hoax which resulted in the scouring of the Atlantic by the Navy and the Coast Guard, engaged the attention of five government departments and interested the entire country."

"The Carroll A. Deering, out of Bath, Me., was found ashore on Diamond Shoals, Cape Hatteras, January 29 last, under circumstances so mysterious that her case was likened to that of the Marie Celeste, long one of the unsolved mysteries of the sea."

"When later a note was reported to have been found washed ashore in a bottle, stating that the Deering had been captured by an 'oil-burning boat' something like a 'submarine chaser' which had captured all the crew, the government began to take an interest in the case."

"The interest was heightened when Miss Lulu Wormwell, daughter of the master of the vessel, presented to the Department of Commerce evidence that the note in the bottle was in the handwriting of the mate and apparently genuine."

"The departments of State, Navy, Justice and the Treasury began an investigation, and with the disappearance of a number of other vessels in the same vicinity, it was hinted that 'Soviet pirates' might be responsible."

"Lawrence Richey, special assistant to Secretary Hoover, was put in charge of the government's investigation, and it is his discovery made public last night which has practically written 'finis' to the chapter."

"As described by Richey, the solution of the mystery has many of the elements of a detective masterpiece."

Served in Navy. "Unfortunately many of the early phases of the investigation cannot be made public, but suffice to say that government handwriting experts of the Navy and Treasury identified the note as having been written by Gray, who formerly served several enlistments in the Navy."

"Gray, it was learned, had applied for a position in the lighthouse service of the Department of Commerce. Desiring to discredit the lighthouse staff at Cape Hatteras in the hope that he might create a vacancy to be filled by his appointment, he seized the wreck of the Deering as an opportunity."

"The finding of the note, it was hoped by Gray, would cause a reflection upon the Coast Guard and the staff of the lighthouse who had been unable to solve the mystery. Confronted by the evidence in the possession of Richey, Gray confessed, it was stated, to having written the note."

ACCUSED OF TAKING ANOTHER MAN'S WIFE

Tom Evans To Stand Trial Second Time At Currituck Court

The full term of the Superior Court of Currituck County for the trial of criminal and civil cases will convene at Currituck C. H., Monday, September 5. The Judge presiding will be Hon. J. Lloyd Horton, of Farmville, Pitt County, who is the youngest Superior Court Judge in the state and probably the youngest man to have ever been elected to the Superior Court judiciary in North Carolina. Judge Horton is 28 years old. Because of his youth, the older lawyers in the district were not enthusiastic over Judge Horton at first, but in the few months that he has been on the bench he has won the respect and admiration of the bar wherever he has held Court.

There are few cases of importance to come before the Court at Currituck next week. The one case promising anything like a sensation is the case of the State against Tom Evans, a young white man charged with the crime of enticing and harboring the wife of another man. The State charges that Evans lured the wife of Mark Granby to Norfolk and there lived with her and her two children for several weeks. Evans was brought to trial at the last term of Court in Currituck and the case resulted in a mistrial at that time.

The Elizabeth City Ship Yard Co., with more than 100 men on its pay rolls at its two yards in this city, has enough work on hand at the present time to keep its present force employed for four months. Any concern that has four months work booked ahead at the present moment needn't worry overmuch about the outlook for 1922. The fact that the Elizabeth City Ship Yard Company has four months work on its yards means much for the shipbuilding industry at Elizabeth City and should be welcome news indeed to merchants and others dependent upon the continued operation of every Elizabeth City industry.

There are at this time 28 pieces of floating equipment on the way and at the docks of the Elizabeth City Ship Yard Co. for repairs of every sort, from the scraping and repainting of a hull to the installation of boilers and engines. Twenty pieces of this equipment are the property of James Stewart & Co., of New York City.

James Stewart & Co. are one of the biggest construction firms in the United States, and have maintained a great fleet of barges, pile drivers, dredges and hoisting machines in Hampton Roads, where this company has handled millions of dollars of government contracts. This company, in seeking a fresh water harbor for idle equipment found at Elizabeth City both an ideal harbor and ship yards capable of handling their repair work efficiently and at attractive prices. Guy Pinner, a former Elizabeth City boy, holds an executive position with the Stewart organization and was instrumental in bringing Elizabeth City to the attention of his firm.

Some Interesting Craft. The waterfront of the Elizabeth City Ship Yard Co. presents an interesting sight to visitors to-day. One beholds there a very forest of masts, smoke stacks and pile-driver legs. There are several pile drivers, one of them towering ninety feet above the water. Others are pile drivers that drive piles straight down, and pile drivers that drive piles slant. There are ponderous hoisting machines, concrete mixers and other odd craft. Among other equipment sent here by Stewart & Co. for repairs is one of its floating hotels or boarding houses. This two story craft has 30 beds, a kitchen, dining room, lobby, office and shower baths. It is steam-heated, electric lighted and has hot and cold running water.

Besides the work for the Stewart company, the Elizabeth City Ship Yard Co. is doing extensive repairs on eight other craft. Among these is the boarding boat Murray from the U. S. Quarantine Station in Hampton Roads; the tug Juniper, owned by Norfolk interests; the steamer Guide from Edenton; and the schooner Jessie Irving from New Bern. All of this is out of town work, bringing thousands of dollars to Elizabeth City every week for material and labor. And that isn't all of it. Every steamer, schooner, barge or what not that comes to Elizabeth City for repairs usually brings a crew with it that adds so much to Elizabeth City's floating population weekly and makes business for Elizabeth City stores. Boat crews eat heartily and sometimes buy clothes.

R. B. Cotter, president of the Elizabeth City Ship Yard Co., is in New York this week looking for more work for his yards and he looks for a revival of business something like that enjoyed in war times when the payroll of his yards here ran from \$5,000 to \$10,000 a week.

Hampered By Shallow Water

The Elizabeth City Ship Yard Co. was founded by Mr. Cotter in 1917. His son Robert M. Cotter is associated with him as secretary-treasurer of the company and he has another son coming on, W. A. Cotter, who will shortly attain his majority and take an executive position with the company. The Cotters have done much for Elizabeth City since they came here and would do even bigger things were they not handicapped by the shallowness of our inland water routes. Under favorable conditions they can get no vessel of more than twelve foot draught via the Government Inland Waterway. Vessels of not more than 9 foot draught can be brought to this city via the Lake Drummond Canal. Ship building at Elizabeth City is thus confined to craft of light draught with deeper waterways the Cotters might bring millions here instead of thousands.

WANTED—Furnished room or rooms for light housekeeping; middle aged couple; no children. Address W. A. SCHAFFTER, P. O. Box 422, Sept. 2-11